

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A gaming machine, comprising:
a display device having a display screen for showing an image representing a game;
sound generating devices for generating sound according to the game;
a cabinet, in which the display device and the sound generating devices are integrated, the cabinet having an opening on a front face thereof such that the display screen of the display device is viewable through the opening from an outside of the cabinet;

sound transmitting holes for emitting sound generated by the sound generating devices, the sound transmitting holes being coelevational with said opening and disposed on left and right sides, respectively, of the opening for the display device; and

sound transmitting passages extending from the respective sound generating devices to the respective sound transmitting holes;

wherein

each of the sound transmitting passages has a width in a horizontal direction and a height in a vertical direction; and

said width is substantially constant and said height increases as the each of the sound transmitting passages extends towards the respective sound transmitting hole.

2. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the sound transmitting holes are disposed in sound transmitting sections, each of which is vertically elongated, and

the sound transmitting sections are provided on the left and right sides, respectively, of the opening on the front face of the cabinet.

3. (canceled)

4. (original) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the sound transmitting passages are fixed to the cabinet.

5. (currently amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the sound transmitting passages is a hollow prism having a rectangular cross section, said rectangular cross section having said increasing height in the a-length in a vertical direction and said substantially constant width in the a-width in a horizontal direction; and ~~the length of the rectangular cross section increases as said each of the sound transmitting passages extends towards the respective sound transmitting hole.~~

6. (currently amended) The gaming machine according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein the rectangular cross section of each of the sound transmitting passages has a cross-section that is elongated in [[a]] the vertical direction; and ~~a height of said cross section, as measured in said vertical direction, increases as said each of the sound transmitting passages extends from the respective sound generating device towards the respective sound transmitting hole.~~

7. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 6, wherein said cabinet further comprises a door openable for allowing access to the display device and the sound generating devices disposed within said cabinet; and both the opening for the display device and the sound transmitting holes are formed in said door.

8. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein said sound generating devices are entirely disposed rearwardly of the screen of said display device.

9. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 8, wherein said sound generating devices are entirely rearwardly spaced from the respective sound transmitting holes.

10. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein each of the sound transmitting passages comprises top and bottom walls which are connected by a left side wall and a right side wall; and the left and right side walls are trapezoidal in shape.

11. (currently amended) A gaming machine, comprising:
a cabinet having an interior and a door which defines a front face of said cabinet, is openable for allowing access to the interior of said cabinet, and has a display opening and sound transmitting holes disposed on left and right sides, respectively, of the display opening;
a display device disposed in the interior of said cabinet, said display device having a display screen for showing an image representing a game, wherein, when said door is closed, the display opening of said door is positioned corresponding to the screen of said display device so that the screen and, hence, the image displayed thereon, is viewable through said display opening from an

outside of said cabinet;

sound generating devices for generating sounds according to the game, said sound generating devices being disposed in the interior of said cabinet; and

sound transmitting passages extending forwardly from the sound generating devices, respectively, wherein, when said door is closed, the sound transmitting holes of said door are positioned corresponding to outlets of said sound transmitting passages, respectively, so that the sounds generated by the sound generating devices are emitted, in use, from the sound transmitting holes after being transmitted through the respective sound transmitting passages;

wherein

each of the sound transmitting passages comprises top and bottom walls which are connected by a left side wall and a right side wall; and

the left and right side walls are trapezoidal in shape.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) The gaming machine according to claim [[12]] 11, wherein each of the trapezoidal left and right side walls has a shorter base and a longer base disposed forward of and parallel with the shorter base;

said shorter bases of the left and right side walls define, together with the respective top and bottom walls, an inlet of said each of the sound transmitting passages; and

said longer bases of the left and right side walls define, together with the respective top and bottom walls, the outlet of said each of the sound transmitting passages.

14. (currently amended) The gaming machine according to claim 13, wherein at least one of the left and right side walls is formed integrally ~~formed~~ with at least one of the respective top and bottom walls.

15. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 13, wherein said sound generating devices are disposed at the inlets of said sound transmitting passages, respectively, and entirely rearwardly spaced from the respective sound transmitting holes.

16. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 15, wherein said sound generating devices are entirely disposed rearwardly of the screen of said display device.

17. (currently amended) A gaming machine, comprising:
a display device having a display screen for showing an image representing a game;
sound generating devices for generating sound according to the game;
a cabinet, in which the display device and the sound generating devices are disposed, the cabinet having an opening on a front face thereof such that the display screen of the display device is viewable through the opening from an outside of the cabinet;
sound transmitting holes for emitting sound generated by the sound generating devices, the sound transmitting holes being disposed on left and right sides, respectively, of the opening for the display device; and
sound transmitting passages extending from the respective sound generating devices to the respective sound transmitting holes;
wherein said sound generating devices are entirely disposed rearwardly of the screen of said display device; and
wherein
each of the sound transmitting passages comprises top and bottom walls which are

connected by a left side wall and a right side wall; and
the left and right side walls are trapezoidal in shape.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The gaming machine according to claim [[18]] 17, wherein each of the trapezoidal left and right side walls has a shorter base and a longer base disposed forward of and parallel with the shorter base;
said shorter bases of the left and right side walls define, together with the respective top and bottom walls, an inlet of said each of the sound transmitting passages; and
said longer bases of the left and right side walls define, together with the respective top and bottom walls, an outlet of said each of the sound transmitting passages.

20. (previously presented) The gaming machine according to claim 19, wherein said sound generating devices are disposed at the inlets of said sound transmitting passages, respectively, and entirely rearwardly spaced from the respective sound transmitting holes located at the outlets of said sound transmitting passages.

21. (new) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the sound transmitting passages are substantially parallel to each other throughout entireties thereof from the respective sound generating devices to the respective sound generating holes.

22. (new) The gaming machine according to claim 11, wherein the left and right side walls of each of the sound transmitting passages are substantially parallel to each other throughout entireties thereof from the respective sound generating device to the respective sound generating hole.

23. (new) The gaming machine according to claim 17, wherein the left and right side walls of each of the sound transmitting passages are substantially parallel to each other throughout entireties thereof from the respective sound generating device to the respective sound generating hole.